

EXCHANGE OF CUSTOMHOUSE BUILDING AND SITE,
DENVER, COLO.

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Mr. ELLIOTT, from the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 3721]

The Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to which was referred the bill (S. 3721) authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange the present customhouse building and site located in Denver, Colo., having duly considered the same, hereby make report of it to the House and with the recommendation that the bill do pass.

This bill was drafted by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department as a means of taking advantage of a situation now presented at Denver, Colo., where it appears that a hotel company is willing to accept the old customhouse building and its site and to construct, on a site to be approved by the Treasury Department and on the plans or under the supervision of the Supervising Architect, a modern four-story office building of similar floor space, so constructed as to permit the addition of three additional stories if required in the future.

If the Treasury Department determines to avail itself of the authority conferred by this bill, the other party to the contract will give sufficient surety not only to secure the prompt construction of the new building but also to provide adequate office space, pending its construction, for the Federal officers now housed in the customhouse building.

According to the statement of the representative of the Treasury Department, who appeared before your committee, the exchange if carried out would be considerably to the advantage of the Government, as the present building and site are worth probably not to exceed \$500,000, and the construction of a building of the character required by the bill would cost more than that sum exclusive of the site.

The bill provides that the Government shall be at no expense in this transaction except in connection with the plans and specifications if prepared by the Supervising Architect, and in connection with the superintendence, inspection, and general administration. If the Government elects to make the exchange under the authority proposed by this bill the other party to the exchange is required to bear all the expense of removal of the Federal offices both temporarily and to the new building when completed.

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